#### Flower Garden

by Eve Bunting A little girl and her father purchase a birthday garden for her mother--pansies, tulips, daffodils, geraniums, and daisies--and hurry home to prepare their birthday surprise.





## The forever garden

by Laurel Snyder Singing while tending her garden every day, Honey is assisted by her young neighbor, Laurel, who misses her friend and worries

about the garden when Honey has to move away.

# **Grow happy**

by Jon Lasser

A gentle narrative about how the main character, Kiko, cultivates happiness. The story provides a metaphor that compares the cultivation of a garden to the nurturing of happiness.





#### **Pandora**

by Victoria Turnbull Young Pandora nurses a bird with a broken wing and becomes terribly lonely when the bird eventually flies away, until the seeds it collected begin

to grow.

# If you plant a seed

by Kadir Nelson

A resonant, gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity as two little animals learn the value of kindness while planting seeds in their garden.



## A peaceful garden

by Lucy London

Two adorable kitties show readers what is needed to grow a healthy personal garden, from choosing seeds and digging holes to

watering and providing sunlight.

## **Anywhere farm**

by Phyllis Root

Rhyming text explains how a farm can be planted anywhere, including a community garden, using just soil, sunshine, water, and a seed.





#### **Florette**

by Anna Walker

Moving to an apartment in the city, young Mae misses her garden and trees before discovering a wonderful opportunity to bring nature to

her new home and bond with new friends and neighbors.

## The curious garden

by Peter Brown

Liam discovers a hidden garden and, with careful tending, spreads color throughout the dark, gray city, in this imaginative picture book with an environmental theme.





# A Stroll through the Garden **Recommended Picture Books**



### Plant the tiny seed

by Christie Matheson Follow the stages of a tiny seed that is planted and watered as it grows into a beautiful flower.

## Bloom: An Ode to **Spring**

by Deborah Diesen A mother and child plant flower bulbs in the fall, wait through the winter, and see them bloom in the spring.





### The digger and the flower

by Joseph Kuefler Traces the experiences of a lonely digger in an industrial world where his entire perspective is

changed by his discovery of a flower.

## The magic garden

by Lemniscates

A girl does not realize how magical a garden is until she hears the wind tell her about the wonders in each season.





## How to grow **happiness**

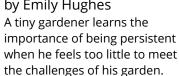
by Kelly DiPucchio Through patience and teamwork, Jerome and his friends learn what it takes to

make a happiness seed blossom.



### The little gardener

by Emily Hughes







#### Luke & the little seed

by Giuliano Ferri

When Luke's grandfather gives him a bag of seeds as a birthday present, he is not impressed, but his grandfather assures him that if he plants them and takes care of them, eventually he will have

something to eat and a place to play.

# The seeds of friendship

by Michael Foreman Adam, an immigrant boy in a big city, is lonely until he see snow for the first time and starts to play with the neighborhood children, but when he starts school he gets some seeds and begins to plant them with help from his new friends.



### Fox's garden

by Princesse Camcam Lost on a snowy night, a fox takes shelter in a greenhouse,

and a boy brings the fox a basket of food. His gift is noticed and the night becomes a garden of new life, nourished by compassion and kindness.

## And the good brown earth

by Kathy Henderson A patient Gram and her spirited grandson Joe follow the cycle of the seasons as they savor the shared joy of growing things and the work that is involved.



### **Waiting for wings**

by Lois Ehlert

Using a short rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, this book covers the life cycle of the butterfly, describes the life cycle of four common species, and

includes a guide to creating a butterfly garden.

## Quiet in the garden

by Aliki

Sitting quietly in his garden, a little boy observes the eating habits of birds, bugs, butterflies, and other small animals, in a title that includes instructions for making a garden and a detailed illustration of plants typically found in a garden.



### Jack's garden

by Henry Cole The life of a garden from seeds to blossoms is accompanied by a cacophony of birds, bugs, and

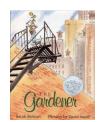
butterflies and a rhythmic text.

## Lola plants a garden

by Anna McQuinn

A backyard adventure finds Lola planting flower seeds with her mother and carefully tending her garden while waiting for the flowers to grow.





## The gardener

by Sarah Stewart When she comes to the city to stay with her Uncle Jim, a cranky

baker, Lydia brings a suitcase full of seeds to create a secret rooftop garden that she hopes will transform Uncle Jim's life.

## My day in the garden

by Miela Ford

A young girl and her friends spend the day dressing up like the insects and animals they find in the garden until the fireflies come out to say good-night.





## Mortimer's first garden

by Karma Wilson Mortimer Mouse is skeptical of stories about how plants will burst into an array of color

during the next season, but after planting his own special seed and waiting for weeks, Mortimer gets the surprise of his life when spring finally arrives!

## Dig in!

by Cynthia L Jenson-Elliott Explore the life in underground garden habitats and celebrate growing seeds, crawling spiders, and rolling pill bugs.





## **Diana's White House** garden

by Elisa Lynn Carbone It's 1943, and the White House is busy with the war effort. Diana

Hopkins wants to help, but doesn't know what to do - until the Roosevelts come up with the idea of Victory Gardens, and Diana has the important job of Victory Gardener for the White House.

Farmer Evan and his dog do everything together and, especially, in the garden but



when his dog passes away Evan lets his garden fill with weeds until a pumpkin vine brings new hope.

